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OUR TRIP TO INDIANA.

On Thursday, March 11, we left home for a brief visit to Indiana in the interests of the Publication Board. Friday morning we called at the home of Brother Rench, pastor of the Milford congregation. That we spent the forenoon pleasantly could not be otherwise, but we spent it profitably also, talking over matters of general interest to the church, our great needs and our means to meet them. Brother Rench is a systematic worker, earnest, faithful, a Gospel preacher and a good pastor. The secret of his success is to be found in his strict adherence to the Gospel. He believes the Gospel, preaches the Gospel and *lives* the Gospel. Pastor and people are working in perfect harmony and the result is, the cause is prospering at Milford.

At noon we left for Goshen where we found Brethren Yoder and Furry hard at work. Goshen is a beautiful, live, stirring town. The people are wide awake, seemingly ready to take hold of anything that will make "things go." It is in just such places as this that efforts should be made to establish the Brethren church, for in no other way can the doctrine of our beloved Zion be more successfully and more rapidly made known. Where there is a ready market for the material things of this world, surely there ought to be a market for the infinitely rich and precious treasures which the Christ of God offers to those who accept the Gospel. Since our return home we have learned that an organization has been effected, and the Lord is graciously blessing the efforts of our two young brethren. They are doing a good work. A full report of the work in this city will appear later. It gives one courage and inspiration to note how thoroughly these young brethren are consecrated to the Lord and how devoted they are to the work. Like Paul, "we thanked God and took courage."

Brother Furry accompanied us to South

Bend where we spent the Sabbath. Preached morning and evening to fairly good congregations, but both times to very earnest, attentive congregations, a people eager to hear the message of salvation. This was the first time it was our privilege to meet these people either in their homes or in public worship. The day was a pleasant one to us, and we shall long remember the kindnesses bestowed upon us by these earnest Christian people. Saturday was sales' day for the S. S. C. E. in one of the grocery stores in town, and it afforded us an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with a goodly number of the brethren and sisters, not only in the South Bend congregation, but in the Sweet Home congregation also. This we greatly enjoyed. Sister Frame will give the particulars of the sale in the EVANGELIST; it may be helpful to other Sisters' Societies. We visited at the homes of brethren J. R. Frame, William Augustine and F. P. Fields. At this writing we are reminded of the traveler who requested the porter on the train to bring him a dish of oyster soup. The oysters were brought and the man devoured them in a moment, then called the waiter and said, "The sample was excellent; now bring me some oysters." If the hospitality we enjoyed in these homes is a sample of the South Bend congregation, we would not object in the least taking the whole "dish." This however might be selfish. The brethren and sisters will understand what we intend. We thank them for the kindnesses shown us during our sojourn with them. Returned home on Tuesday and found an amazing amount of work awaiting us, but having had a rest from our labors for a season, we were ready for whatever was awaiting us.

WHO WILL HELP US OUT.

We are in a far worse predicament than was the apostle Paul when he declared himself in a straight betwixt two. Is there no one who can extricate us from the intricate position in which we find ourselves? A good brother in paying his subscription for last year says he likes the paper in every particular except one, and of course will not subscribe for it this year. He does not like a *republican paper*! Well, well, who would have thought it? That which places us in such a critical position is that another brother writes us stating that his only objection to the paper is its sympathy with the democratic party! Now brethren, we are willing to pay liberally

to be extricated from this very uncomfortable situation. Some one will no doubt advise us to get into the prohibition party; but we have been in it ever since "Uncle Sam" has allowed us to cast a ballot, so that this will not help us any. If we were to shout for the prohibition party, some one would want to know which wing of it, the gold or the free silver wing. This would place us in no less uncomfortable position. What *shall* we do? It may be that these brethren mean no harm and have resorted to this curious device to find out the Editor's politics. If so they have come very near finding out in one of the above statements which it is too late to take back.

But now for a word in earnest. If any reader of the EVANGELIST will find anything in any one paper that has gone out from this office since we have charge of it that would even seem to indicate its politics, we will at once make that man a life subscriber to the paper free of charge, paying the Board for the same out of our own pocket.

IN HIS NAME.

The following letter, dated Homerville, Ohio, March 12, was received at this office:

Dear Editor: The Lord has prospered me; accept the enclosed dollar as a thank offering unto God, and send the EVANGELIST one year to Barbara Gier, Sullivan, Ohio. Yours for the cause.
A Boy.

This letter means much to us and to the brotherhood. Would that the spirit that is in this boy would take hold of thousands of others, for then the institutions of the church would not be wanting for support, but Publication House and College would both be in a flourishing condition and every enterprise of the church prosper. Such little deeds of love will not be without their reward. A cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple has the promise of heaven's recognition, and the thoughtfulness of the boy in the above notice will be held in sacred remembrance by him who records all the loving deeds of his dear children. God bless this noble youth and give him long life that he may be useful in the service of his Master. We rejoice in the consecration of youth to the cause of God. The Lord delights in such consecration, and herein is the church's hope.

Do good constantly, patiently and wisely, and you will never have cause to say that life was not worth living.—George W. Gills.